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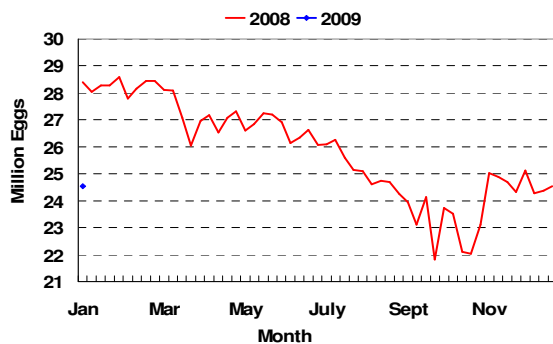
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 9 Percent from Last Year

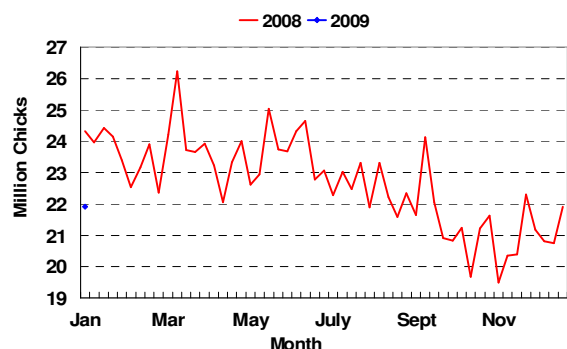
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.9 million during the week ending January 3, 2009. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2008 but up 6 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending January 3, 2009, down 14 percent from the same period last year but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2008-2009



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2008-2009



### Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, December 6, 2008 - January 3, 2009

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	6-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	3-Jan	6-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec	3-Jan
<i>Thousand</i>										
Alabama	29,107	29,339 *	28,700	28,941	28,949	20,151	20,849	19,908	19,864 *	19,962
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>24,330</b>	<b>25,115 *</b>	<b>24,266</b>	<b>24,366 *</b>	<b>24,538</b>	<b>22,298</b>	<b>21,173</b>	<b>20,812</b>	<b>20,734 *</b>	<b>21,908</b>
Delaware	3,314	3,338	3,358	3,244 *	3,353	4,593	4,183	4,940	4,221 *	4,373
Florida	1,241	1,271 *	1,013	963	963	996	987	1,060 *	1,103	978
Georgia	31,381	32,540 *	32,778 *	32,669	32,528	25,808	26,559	27,123	26,376	27,612
Kentucky	7,769	7,538	7,867	7,512	7,848	5,972	6,388	6,028	6,041	5,843
Louisiana	3,424	3,424	3,424	3,411	3,424	3,398	3,326	3,228	3,287	3,388
Maryland	8,672	8,512	8,911	8,749	8,613	4,913	6,215	5,288	5,970 *	6,088
Mississippi	17,405	17,500 *	17,194	17,372	17,491	15,707	15,672	15,501	15,463	15,583
N. Carolina	18,321	19,012 *	18,739	18,581	18,744	15,494	15,274	15,805	15,379	15,833
Oklahoma	6,328	6,816 *	6,922	6,839 *	6,639	3,727	4,465	5,545	5,258	4,143
Pennsylvania	4,159	4,346	4,281	3,732 *	3,918	3,197	3,218	3,339	3,383 *	3,376
S. Carolina	5,409	5,566 *	5,485	5,673	5,555	4,529	4,818	5,058	5,071	4,423
Texas	15,278	15,265	15,290 *	15,490 *	15,503	12,752	12,922	12,990	12,839 *	12,958
Virginia	5,961	6,218 *	5,964	5,958	5,969	5,636	5,225	4,952	4,515	4,660
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,680	19,333 *	19,328 *	19,160 *	18,534	17,024	16,624	16,608	16,730 *	17,534
19 State Total	200,779	205,133 *	203,520 *	202,660 *	202,569	166,195	167,898	168,185 *	166,234 *	168,662
Prev. Year Total	214,382	217,613	218,612	218,815	217,209	175,854	178,626	179,381	175,417	177,800
% of Prev. Year	94	94	93	93	93	95	94	94	95	95

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending January 3, 2009. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 5 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending January 3, 2009. Placements were down 5 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through January 3, 2009 were 9.12 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.